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SUBJ: AIFLD PROPOSAL FOR A CENTRAL AMERICAN LABOR RESEARCH
CENTER

REF: STATE 83947

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

1. PROPOSED CENTER COULD BE OF MAJOR ASSISTANCE TO SALVADORAN
LABOR UNIONS. AT PRESENT, UNIONS NEGOTIATE IN IGNORANCE AND
THEIR DEMANDS ARE USUALLY SHOTS IN THE DARK. THE CENTER,
THEREFORE, MIGHT PROMOTE MORE REALISTIC AND MORE THOROUGH
PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. ULTIMATELY, IT COULD CONTRIBUTE
TO BETTER COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS AND BETTER LABOR RELATIONS.
IN EL SALVADOR, OF COURSE, SUCH AN INCREASE IN UNIONS'
CAPABILITIES IS NOT LIKELY TO BE VIEWED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY THE
GOES OR SOME OF ITS CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS SUPPORTERS.

2. SALVADORAN UNIONS ARE WOEFULLY LACKING IN BOTH HUMAN AND
FINANCIAL RESOURCES. IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW ANY OF THEM
COULD CONTRIBUTE IN A MAJOR WAY TO THE PROGRAM.

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3. IESCA REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALREADY EXPLORED IDEA WITH A NUMBER

OF UNIONS AND FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN IT. THE BETTER
UNIONS, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZED THEIR NEED FOR MORE AND BETTER
ECONOMIC DATA LONG AGO.
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